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CERTIFICATES TO PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that some pilots have been given fake flight certificates by the Chief Flying Instructor;

(b) if so, the details of this incident alongwith the action taken against the persons concerned; and

(c) the remedial measures taken to prevent such incidents in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Reports regarding irregularities committed by the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) of M/s. Carver Aviation Academy were received which were duly investigated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The CFI status of Capt. Ashim Taxali was withdrawn and approval to M/s. Carver Aviation Academy was suspended. The Academy represented to the Government with all facts of the case. The Government considered the representation and, keeping in view the fact that the management of the institute themselves detected the malpractices and reported to the local police authorities and also keeping in view the career prospects of trainees enrolled with the institute and assurance given by the academy of a strict monitoring system, decided to revoke the suspension of the licence. DGCA has been directed to ensure that the monitoring system is in place.

(c):- All the Flight Training Institutes have been advised to submit attested photocopies of relevant records of their individual aircraft every month. The applications of their students for issue of licences are required to be submitted with attested copies of relevant flying records/details. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been directed to ensure a strict monitoring system to avoid malpractices. DGCA is planning to appoint independent auditors to inspect the Flying Training Institutes ad submit their report for further action.